Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Mildred "Millie" Henriksen, and we are richer because Millie lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Millie was born on January 8, 1914, to Hans and Annie Pedersen. She grew up east of Badger, South Dakota, where she attended country school; and,

Whereas, Millie married Richard Henriksen on August 11, 1933, and to this union they were blessed with 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Millie and Richard resided on a farm near Lake Albert, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Millie will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 8, 2014, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her family and many friends in wishing her a very happy birthday and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State